

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17(a), a five-month (5) extension of the period for reply, i.e., up to and including March 27, 2003, is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$1,390.00, which includes the five-month extension fee of \$1,005.00 for a small entity, in addition to the \$385 small entity filing fee of the RCE, is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Applicants amend the above-identified application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows: